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Examiner:

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METHOD FOR FORMING MULTI-LAYER WIRING STRUCTURE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have a commonly assigned co-pending application, Serial No. 09/024,250, filed February 17, 1998 and the references listed were cited by the Examiner and the Applicant in the afore-mentioned case. A copy of the specification from co-pending application, Serial No. 09/024,250, is enclosed for the Examiners review.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a · first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information

listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other

information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract is attached to the Japanese reference.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C.

§§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to

establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is

intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of

M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official

communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-

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Respectfully submitted,

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Name: Peggy Kerkhove

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing

Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 11 Reference(s)

Other: Specification from co-pending application, Serial No. 09/024,250

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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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